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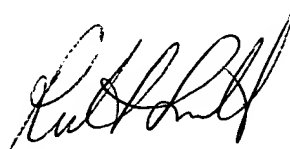
The reply filed on July 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant merely argues that the reference of Campbell ('997) does not anticipate the current claims. Furthermore, applicant fails to address the obviousness rejection reasoning set forth by the examiner in the previous office action regarding the use of a sensor to determine the presence of plaque based upon the detected signals. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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